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AMENDMENT

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 9, 2001, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

A clean version of amended claims 6 and 10 are provided herewith in
Attachment A. It will be noted that claims 6 and 10 have been amended relative to the
previously provided version as shown by the marked up version thereof in
Attachment B provided herewith.

REMARKS

Claims 6-10 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 6 and 10 have been
amended. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections based on the discussion which
follows.

Claims 6 and 7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by
Sony Corp., JP 04-346428 (hereinafter "Sony"). Claims 6, 7 and 10 were rejected
under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Gabric et al. (U.S. Patent 5,281,302
(hereinafter "Gabric") in view of Sony.